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For: **OPTICAL ELEMENT HAVING
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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed March 13, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period of response, which is set to expire on June 13, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

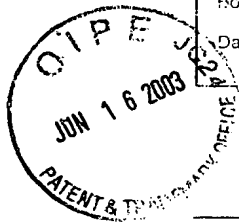
Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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